GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:470
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BONGAIGAON REFINERY AND PETRO CHEMICALS
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Bongaigaon Refinery and Petro-Chemicals Ltd. (BRPL) a subsidiary unit of Indian Oil Corporation Limited has no helped in solving the problems faced by the refinery;

(b) if so, whether the Government have been considering to merge the BRPL with the IOCL to save the refinery from closure; and

(c) if so, the decision taken in the matter so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MI OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) After the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism, the profitability of all the refineries of Indian Oil Corporation Limited located in the North Eastern region, including Bongaigaon Refinery and Petrochemicals Limited, have been adversely affected. However, following IOC acquiring a majority stake in BRPL, a number of benefits have accrued to BRPL. These include:-

(i) Product evacuation of BRPL by IOC

(ii) Sharing of technical expertise with BRPL for improvement of profitability

(b) As on date, there is no such proposal under consideration of the Government.

(c) Does Not arise in view of (b) above.